

Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

Oak Grove Nursery

Established 1865

PELLA, IOWA



Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Hedging and Landscape Material

1926

ABR. VERPLOEGH

A. P. VERPLOEGH

A Word of Greeting



The **OAK GROVE NURSERY** was founded by Jas. Buis in 1865. It has been in operation ever since that time in its present location. It has enjoyed the privileges of doing business with a large number of satisfied customers each year.

We extend our greetings to all of our old customers as well as to those who receive this catalog for the first time. The large percentage of our customers visit the nursery in the spring and get their stock fresh from the ground. It is easy to see the advantage in this over that of long shipments. Many of our customers drive a distance of forty or fifty miles and some even farther.

PRICES. We believe our prices are very reasonable. They are based on direct dealing with the customer as we do not have agents in our employ. This saves him the commission without which the agent cannot operate. Please do not confuse our prices with those of houses advertising mail-order stock. It is impossible for us to mail our trees to you. Small shipments can be made only by express.

GUARANTEE. We take greatest care in having all stock true to name, but should an error occur we agree upon proper proof of such to replace or refund purchase price but cannot be held further responsible. Our stock is in healthy condition at time of delivery, but on the basis of our prices we cannot guarantee stock to grow. There are so many factions entering in the welfare of the tree that under the circumstances it is impossible for us to assume this risk. All claims for shortages, errors, etc., must be made within ten days after receipt of stock. After this period no claims can be allowed.

PLANT CAREFULLY. Dig the hole twice as large as the diameter of the root system and have plenty of loose soil in the bottom. Dip the roots in a thick mud bath before planting so that the roots will have a thick coat of mud covering them. Further than this use no water in planting but see to it that the soil is well packed about the roots. Afterwards in midsummer drouths it is better to place a thick mulch around the tree in preference to watering. This will hold the moisture in the soil around the tree, but of course should be done before the tree commences to suffer from the drouth.

WE ARE CLOSED ALL DAY SUNDAYS

OAK GROVE NURSERY

Established in 1865

FRUIT DEPARTMENT

APPLES

The varieties here listed are well adapted to this part of the state. The trees are just the right size for transplanting, ranging in size from five to seven feet.

	Each	100
Price	\$.50	\$45.00

Summer Varieties

CHENANGO STRAWBERRY—One of the finest summer apples. Ripens early, good size; dark red. Flesh white and tender.

GOLDEN SWEET — Medium size, round, yellow. Best early sweet apple.

BENONI—Striped red, white flesh, firm. Ripens unevenly like Transparent. Fine flavor.

RED JUNE—One of the old-time favorites. Solid dark red color. Flesh white tinged with pink. Fine flavor.

RED ASTACHAN—Almost solid red color, white flesh. Good for cooking.

DUCHESSE—A good bearer almost without fail. A trifle sour for eating but fine as a cooking apple.

YELLOW TRANSPARENT — Most popular and earliest of the summer apples. Tree bears very young. Fruit clear, yellow. Ripens over long period. Fine flavor.

Fall Varieties

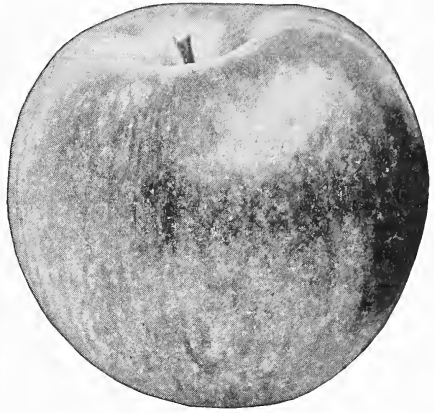
AUTUMN STRAWBERRY — Resembles Chenango Strawberry, but not quite so large, coming about three or four weeks later.

MAIDEN BLUSH—Very bright yellow skin with red cheek. Good cropper.

RAMSDELL SWEET—An old variety, very popular. Dark red, tapered. Finest of the sweet varieties.

FAMEUSE (Snow).—Should be planted in every orchard. Delicious flavor. Flesh white as "snow."

LOWELL—Large red, juicy. An apple not yet widely known but sure to grow in popularity.



Wealthy Apple

WEALTHY—One of the leading Fall varieties. Very juicy, large, and sure bearer. Flesh white tinged with pink.

Winter Varieties

ARKANSAS BLACK—Fruit so dark red it almost appears black on the tree. Very solid; an excellent keeper. Flesh yellow. Not a heavy bearer.

WINTER BANANA — Golden yellow color having banana flavor. Deserves a place in every orchard.

BEN DAVIS—Heavy regular bearer. Not as popular as formerly. A fine cooking apple, excellent keeper.

BLACK BEN—Large, solid red color. Very productive, bearing very early. Better flavor than "old Ben".

ROME BEAUTY—Large, round, red. Flesh firm, juicy, fine flavored.

GRIMES GOLDEN—The earliest winter variety. Golden yellow color, medium size. Very juicy, popular with everyone.

GANO—Greatly resembles Black Ben. Heavy yielder, fine keeping qualities.

JANET—An apple long and favorably known. Of small size but excellent quality. Very juicy, long keeping.

JONATHAN—Most popular of all red apples today. Bright red skin. Very juicy with a flavor relished by almost everyone.

McINTOSH—Shaped like a Fameuse, but more solid red color. Flesh white, fine flavor.

ROMAN STEM—Medium yellow with “roman nose.” A flavor hard to beat. Plant more Roman Stems; they are good property.

DELICIOUS—Fruit red, of good size. Can be recognized by five bumps on blossom side. Flavor rather sweet. Commands top market today.

NORTHWEST GREENING — Very fast growing tree. Bears early. Fruit very large, pale yellow. Crisp; one of the best for pies.

STAMAN WINESAP—One of the coming apples. Heavy producer. Deep red, large size. Flesh firm, fine flavored. Excellent keeper.

GOLDEN WINESAP—A new variety about the color and size of Winter Banana. Fine Flavor.

PRICE SWEET—One of the earliest bearing of the winter varieties. Yellowish green faintly streaked with dull red.

YORK IMPERIAL—A heavy, regular bearer. Extremely hardy. Fruit large red and lopsided. Flesh white and very firm. Very good flavored and one of the best keepers.

WINTER MAIDEN BLUSH—Large deep yellow fruit with red cheek. An excellent keeper and good bearer. You will be “sold” on its flavor. Flesh crisp and brittle.

CRAB APPLES

Prices Same as Apples

HYSLOP—Medium size fruit. Yellow tinged with crimson. Bears in clusters.

TRANSCENDENT—Small sized fruit, yellow with red cheek. Very juicy, ripening in August and September.

WHITNEY—Largest of all varieties. Fruit red, blotched with yellow; fine grained and juicy. Everyone having space should plant a Whitney.

PEARS

	Each	Dozen
5 to 7 feet	\$1.00	\$10.00

Summer

BARTLETT — Very juicy, tender. Clear, golden yellow, red cheek.

SECKLE—A small sugar pear, very sweet, juicy. Bronze color. Very productive.

CLAPP’S FAVORITE — Resembles Bartlett but larger and earlier. A choice variety.

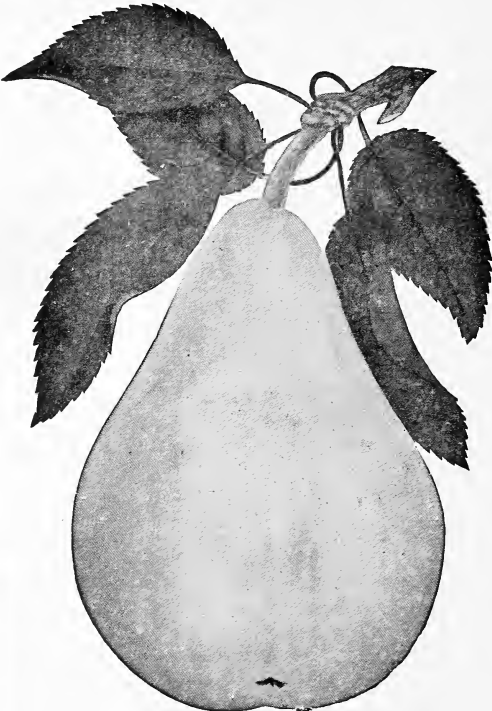
Fall

FLEMISH BEAUTY—Very productive, juicy. Deep yellow. Sometimes a little more effected with blight than other varieties.

DWARF DUCHESS—A very large fruit on a small tree. Fruit greenish in color, very solid, heavy. September.

Winter

KIEFFER—Tree very hardy, bearing regularly. Fruit rugged, very solid. An excellent fruit for canning.

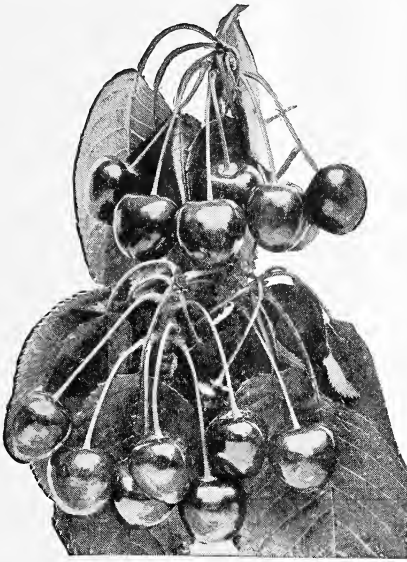


Kieffer Pear

CHERRIES

	Dozen
5 to 6 feet	\$1.00

EARLY RICHMOND—The well known May cherry. Fine for canning and pre-serving.

**Montmorency Cherry**

MONTMORENCY—About two weeks later than Early Richmond. Fruit somewhat larger, very firm.

COMPASS—Originated by crossing the Sand Cherry with Miner plum. Very hardy. Fruit resembles more closely plum than cherry.

YELLOW GLASS—A sweet variety adapted to this section. Fruit yellow, firm. Excellent flavor.

PLUMS

5 to 7 feet	\$1.00	Dozen	\$10.00
-------------------	--------	-------	---------

American

SURPRISE—Large red, firm yellow meat; a good bearer.

WILD GOOSE—Cherry red in color. Large, juicy. Should be planted among some other varieties.

WOLF—A good native variety. Bears well; very hardy.

WYANT—One of the best of native varieties. Fine quality, red. September.

BURWOOD—Red, fine flavor; solid meat, small stone.

European

BLUE DAMSON—A small dark blue fruit; fine for preserving.

GERMAN PRUNE—Fruit very large, dark blue; delicious flavor.

LOMBARD—Purplish red; regular bearer. Fine for eating or cooking.

GREEN GAGE—Yellowish green fruit; very sweet. Free stone.

**Surprise Plum**

SHIPPER'S PRIDE—Vigorous tree, prolific. Fruit deep purple.

Hansen

Most of these varieties will bear the second year after transplanting. All are very heavy bearers, fruit growing in clusters.

75 cts. each; \$7.50 per dozen.

HANSKA—Red colored fruit; flesh firm, good. September.

OPATA—Bluish fruit, green flesh; firm, small seed.

SAPA—Dark purple. Meat very dark. Fine flavor.

WANETA—Largest fruit of all these varieties. Bright red, juicy; delicious flavor.

PEACHES

All choice varieties. Price 50c each; \$5.00 a dozen.

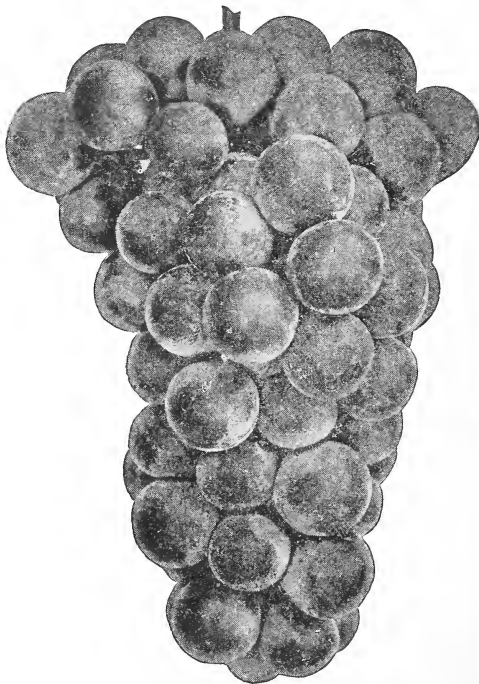
Champion
Crosby

Elberta
Crawford Early

GRAPES

25c each; \$2.50 per dozen.

CONCORD—Best known of all blue grapes. Very productive.



Concord Grapes

MOORE'S EARLY—Fruit a little darker and about two weeks earlier than Concord. Fine flavor.

CLINTON—Small blue wine grape.

WORDEN—Similar to Concord but a little earlier. Fine fruit.

BETA—A very hardy variety. Vigorous growth, black fruit.

AGAWAM—A late variety, red to purplish. Needs protection.

MOORE'S DIAMOND—One of the finest white grapes; very sweet, good size.

CURRENTS

\$3.00 Per Dozen.

Fays Prolific **Red Cross**
White Dutch **London Market**

RHUBARB

\$2.00 per Dozen.

SAGE

25c Each.

GOOSEBERRIES

\$3.00 Per Dozen

Downing

RASPBERRIES

CUMBERLAND (black)—\$4.00 per hundred.



Cumberland Raspberry

LATHAM (red)—\$10.00 per hundred.

HAYMAKER (purple) — \$5.00 per hundred.

BLACKBERRIES

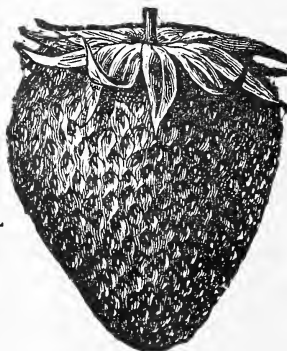
SNYDER—\$5.00 per 100.

STRAWBERRIES

\$1.50 per 100

SEN. DUNLAP

DR. BURRILL



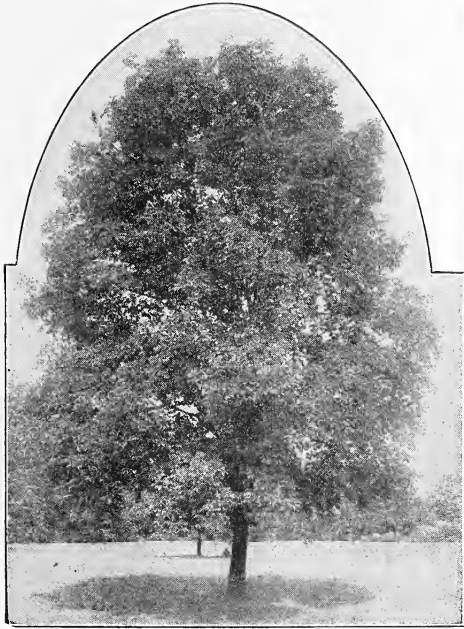
Shade and Ornamental Trees

AM. LINDEN (Basswood)—Rapid growth, upright; cream-colored flowers in July. 5-6 ft. \$1.25.

AM. WHITE ELM—Broad arching branches. A beautiful tree. 6-8 ft., \$1.00; 8-10 ft., \$1.25.

WHITE ASH—Very shapely; dense foliage. A fine tree for shade. 6-8 ft., 85c; 8-10 ft., \$1.00.

SUGAR MAPLE—Fine for lawn and street planting. 5-6 ft., \$1.00; 6-8 ft., \$1.50.



Sugar Maple

WHITE BIRCH—A fine ornamental tree, its white bark attracting immediate attention. 5-6 ft., \$1.25; 6-8 ft., \$1.50; Limited quantity 3-4 in. Cal. \$5.00.

AM. SYCAMORE—Light colored bark; requires plenty of moisture. 6-8 ft., \$1.50; 8-10 ft., \$2.00.

CATALPA BUNGEII (Umbrella Tree)—Makes a fine ornament in any yard. A fine street tree. 6 ft. stems, \$2.00.

CAROLINA POPLAR—Most rapid grower. Should be topped causing it to spread. 8-10 ft., 50c.

LOMBARDY POPLAR—Fine for the landscape as screen planting. Low branching, erect. 6-8 ft., 75c; 8-10 ft., \$1.00.

BOLLEANA POPLAR—A very beautiful street tree; greenish bark, upright, narrow. 5-6 ft., \$1.00; 6-8 ft., \$1.50.

CARAGANA (Pea Tree)—First to show its foliage in Spring. Has a beautiful leaf. Dwarf habit. 5-6 ft., \$1.00.

TULIP TREE—Fiddle-shaped leaves. Beautiful flowers a few years after transplanting. 5-6 ft., \$1.00; 6-8 ft., \$1.50.

Forest Tree Seedlings

The value of these is not nearly realized, especially in their use as a wind-break or fence post material. The Russian Mulberry is particularly adapted for these purposes often making a growth of fifteen to twenty feet in three years. Also makes a valuable post, one that will outlast a white cedar.

Catalpa Speciosa
Black Locust
Russian Mulberry

\$3.00 per hundred

Climbing Vines

BOSTON IVY—One of the most beautiful and popular of all vines. Effective on brick and stucco. 50c each. 3 for \$1.25.

ENGELMAN IVY—A rapid grower, hardy, dark green foliage changing to scarlet in Autumn. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

DUTCHMAN PIPE—Heart-shaped leaves, brownish flowers. Used on archways and verandas. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

BITTERSWEET—Bright orange-crimson berries in yellow husks retained all winter. 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

CLEMATIS

PANICULATA—Rapid grower, very dense. Flowers medium size, white. August, September. Very fragrant. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

JACKMANII—Flowers 4 to 6 inches in diameter, deep purple. Continues blooming July until frost. 75c each.

VIRGINIA CREEPER—Vigorous grower, crimson foliage in fall. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

WISTARIA—Two varieties; purple and white flowers. Fine for porch and trellis. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

The following list comprises those varieties which are considered hardy for this section, with possibly two or three exceptions and in such cases these varieties will do well if given some protection in winter.

Prices are based mostly on the 18-24 inch size, however many varieties will run considerably larger but generally sold at the same prices.

LANDSCAPE SERVICE:—Customers are at all times invited to make use of our free Landscape Service. No charges will be made for drawing your plans, but whenever this service is furnished it is understood that the customer shall make his purchase from us of all landscape material as provided in the planting list.

ALTHEA—An assortment of varieties in both single and double flowers in red, white, pink and purple. Flowers appear in August and bloom until frost. 50c each.

PINK ALMOND—Beautiful pink flowers blooming in May. 75c each.

BUCKTHORN—A hardy shrub growing six feet tall; black fruit in autumn. 50c each.

BUTTERFLY BUSH—Beautiful blue flowers growing in long spikes. Usually freezes down but comes back each spring and blooms same season. 50c each.

CLETHRA (Sweet Pepper Bush)—A shrub of dwarf habits having pentacles of cream colored flowers in mid-summer. 50c each.

HI-BUSH CRANBERRY — A rather tall shrub flowering in May; single white. Large red berries in winter. 50c each.

DOGWOOD

SILKY—White flowers followed by blue berries.

RED SIBERIAN—A beautiful shrub in winter having bright red branches. White flowers and ornamental berries.

YELLOW—Very attractive yellow bark; flowers and fruit. Very effective when grouped with red variety. 50c each.

DEUTZIA

CANDIDA—Double white; flowers in June. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

GRACILIS—Dwarf variety; white flowers in May. 50c each.

PRIDE OF ROCHESTER — Double pink flowers in May; 5-6 feet; needs some protection. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

GOLDEN ELDER—A fine specimen. 6-8 feet; bright yellow foliage, white flowers and purple fruit. Very effective when grouped with other green-leaved shrubs.

FORSYTHIA (Golden Bell)—The first shrub to bloom in the spring. Flowers bright yellow; fine for screen planting. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

BUSH HONEY SUCKLE—Very fragrant flowers, dense foliage growing 12-15 feet high. Assortment of colors in red, white and pink. 50c each.

HYDRANGEA



Hydrangea P. G.

ARBORESCENS GRANDIFLORA (Hills of Snow)—The summer hydrangea blooming in June and July; 2-3 feet. Rapidly growing in popularity.

PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA—Blooms in August and September. 6-8 ft. Giant white flowers turning to pink in September. Excellent for winter bouquets. Fine for landscape work. 50c each.

WHITE LILAC—Similar to common purple variety but with white bloom. 50c each.

MOCK ORANGE—Very beautiful, flowers resembling orange blossoms; May, 10-12 ft. 50c each.

JAPAN QUINCE—Deep crimson flowers appearing from underneath foliage in May. 50c each.

JAPANESE SNOWBALL—Flowers in May. Very upright growth. 50c each.

WHITE SNOWBERRY—Dwarf, 2-3 ft. Small pink flowers. Large white berries retained all winter. 50c each.

SPIREA

SPIREA—These are a group which readily adapt themselves to almost any variety of soil.

ANTHONY WATERER—Dwarf, crimson flower; blooms summer and fall. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

AUREA—Yellow-leaved, 6-8 ft. white flowers. 50c each.

BILLARDI—Pink flowers, July; 4-5 ft. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

RITCHMENSIS—Purple flowers in June, slender growth. 50c each.

VAN HOUTTE (Bridal Wreath)—One of the most popular varieties. White flowers in May covering entire shrub on long drooping branches. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

THUNBERGII—Beautiful fine fern-like foliage, flowers early, April and May. 50c each.

STAGHORN SUMAC—Tall and angling, velvety trunk; Deep green foliage with scarlet fruit in fall. 50c each.

SWEET SHRUB (Calycanthus)—Aromatic, deep purple flowers in August. Wood has a very sweet flavor. 50c each.

TAMARIX—Magnificent tall growing, having small dense pink flowers April and May. Should be cut back half-way each year, making denser growth. 50c each.

WEIGELIA

WEIGELIA—These comprise a group which have long been popular with most of us. They grow to a height of 4 to 6 feet and bloom profusely in gorgeous colors. Prices 50c each with exception.

ROSEA—Pink flowers in thick clusters, June.

CANDIDA—White flowers in June.

VARIEGATED—Light pink flowers with foliage of a deep green center and yellow border. Very beautiful even when not in bloom.

EVA RATHKE—Dark red bloom. Finest of all the Weigelias. 65c each.

WHITE KERRIA—Foliage rich green, blooming in May. Bears black fruit. 50c each.

WAYFARING TREE—A beautiful shrub having crinkled leaves, white flowers in May and June. 10-12 ft. 50c each.

ORNAMENTAL HEDGING

JAPANESE BARBERY—\$15.00 per 100 plants.

AMOR RIVER PRIVET—\$10.00 per 100 plants.

HARDY PERENNIALS

IRIS—Several varieties in various colors. 15c each. 7 for \$1.00.

PHLOX—Fine for bordering foundation planting of shrubs. All named varieties, various shades. 25c each. 12 for \$2.50.

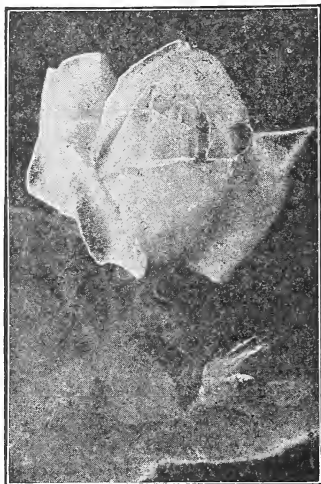
MALLOW—Upright habit, flowers large in red, white and pink colors. August, 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

PEONIES—Un-named. varieties. in pink, white and deep crimson. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

ORIENTAL POPPY—Blooms in June and July, 2-3 feet. Flowers deep scarlet with black center spot. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

YUCCA—Cream colored bell-shaped flowers in July; 5-6 ft. Foliage green year round. 35c each. 3 for \$1.00.

ROSES AND CLIMBERS



American Beauty Rose

These varieties with the exception of climbers will bloom every month.

American Beauty (red).

Caroline Testout, pink.

Paul Neyron, crimson.

Prau Karl Druski, pure white

Grus an Teplitz, deep crimson, 75c.

Ulrich Brunner, crimson.

Baby Ramblers, crimson and white, 65c.

CLIMBERS

Crimson Rambler

Dorothy Perkins

Climbing American Beauty.

EVERGREENS

Used for shelter-belts as well as in the landscape planting. Our stock at present in the marketable sizes is very limited and it will be well to place your order in advance.

AM. ARBOR VITAE—A flat leaf variety, very dense foliage. 18-24 in., 75c. 2-3 ft., \$1.00.

PYRAMIDAL ARBOR VITAE—Very effective in formal planting. Columnar growth. 2-2½ ft., \$3.00; 2½-3 ft., \$4.00.

IRISH JUNIPER—A beautiful tree of bluish tint; very erect; for formal planting. 2-3 ft., \$3.00.

RED CEDAR—Hardy anywhere. Very dense growth. Used in shelter-belts, also in the landscape. 18-24 inches, \$1.50; 2-3 ft., B & B, \$2.00.

NORWAY SPRUCE—Used largely for wind-break planting. 18-24 in., 60c; 2-3 ft., 85c.

MUGHO PINE—Dwarf grower, spreading, used as a facer. 15-18 in. across B & B, \$3.50; 18-24 in. across B & B, \$4.50.
50c Each

WHITE PINE—Tall growing, light green foliage. 2-3 ft., 75c; 3-4 ft., \$1.25.



COL. BLUE SPRUCE—Beautiful bluish green foliage, very hardy. Specimen for landscape. 2-3 ft. \$5.00.



Abr. Verploegh and one of his giant Yucca Plants

Our Nursery Stock is State
Inspected each year, and
Certificates of Inspection
accompany each shipment

Take Advantage of This

Special Offer!

FLOWERING SHRUBS



	Reg. Price
3 Spirea Van Houtte (Bridal Wreath)	\$1.00
2 Spirea Billardi, pink flower70
3 Spirea Anthony Waterer, crimson flower	1.00
3 Pride of Rochester, early pink bloom	1.00
2 Mock Orange	1.00
3 Forsythia Golden Bell	1.00
3 Assorted Mallow, red, white and pink	1.00
<hr/>	
19 Shrubs	Total.....\$6.70

All For Only \$5.00